

Statute - RI

State Agencies:

37 R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-2-54. Chief purchasing officer – Purchases.

(j) The chief purchasing officer shall attempt in every practicable way to insure that the state is supplying its real needs at the lowest possible cost. Further, to assure that the lowest possible cost is achieved, the chief purchasing officer may enter into cooperative purchasing agreements with other governmental entities.

Local Governments:

45 R.I. Gen. Laws § 45-40.1-4. Interlocal agreements.

(a) Any power or powers, privileges, or authority, exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of this state, may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of any other state or of the United States, and to the extent that laws of the other state or of the United States permit the joint exercise or enjoyment. Any agency of the state government, when acting jointly with any public agency may exercise and enjoy all of the powers, privileges, and authority conferred by this chapter upon a public agency.

(b)(1) Any two or more public agencies may enter into agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(2) Appropriate action by ordinance, resolution, or otherwise, pursuant to law of the governing bodies of the participating public agencies, is necessary before any agreement may enter into force.

About Sourcewell:

Sourcewell is a service cooperative created by the Minnesota legislature as a local unit of government. Minn. Const. art. XII, sec. 3. As a public corporation and agency, Sourcewell is governed by local elected municipal officials and school board members. Minn. Stat. § 123A.21 Subd. 4 (2017). Under its enabling statute, Sourcewell is explicitly authorized to provide cooperative purchasing services to eligible members. Id. at Subd. 7(23).

Sourcewell follows the competitive contracting law process to solicit, evaluate and award cooperative purchasing contracts for goods and services. Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contracts are made available through the joint exercise of powers law to member agencies. Minn. Stat. § 471.59 (2017). Membership in Sourcewell is available for all eligible state and local governments, education, higher education and nonprofit entities across North America. § 123A.21 at Subd. 3.

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